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Note dated 24 November 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Office for Outer Space Affairs

Composition of the bureaux of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2008-2009

The Office for Outer Space Affairs has received a note from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations (Vienna), in its capacity as Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, informing that the Group has decided to endorse by acclamation the nomination of Ambassador Ciro Arévalo of Colombia as its candidate for Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for the period 2008-2009 (see attachment).

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The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), presents its compliments to the Office for Outer Space Affairs and is pleased to be able to notify it of the following.

The Group of Latin American and Caribbean States has decided to endorse by acclamation the nomination of Ambassador Ciro Arévalo, Deputy Ambassador of Colombia, as its candidate for Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) for the period 2008-2009.

The Group is convinced that Ambassador Arévalo's wide diplomatic experience and his in-depth knowledge of the topics within the purview of the Committee and its subcommittees will enable him to conduct the work of the Committee with great success.

The active role that Colombia has played in the work of COPUOS and its subcommittees and the contribution that it has made to furthering that work by its undertaking of, among other activities, the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Fourth Space Conference of the Americas are grounds for our confident prediction that Ambassador Arévalo will discharge his duties with distinction and thus advance the space agenda for the benefit of all.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of GRULAC, takes this opportunity to convey to the Office for Outer Space Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

[Stamp of the Permanent Mission of Mexico]